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April 1, 2020

Governor Bill Lee
State Capitol, 1st Floor
600 Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee:

I write today to reiterate my urgent request that you issue a mandatory shelter in place order for Tennessee. Your encouragement that Tennesseans shelter in place was welcome, but it is evident this virus will not disappear without enforced direction.

As you are aware, arrangements are already being made to construct additional hospital beds in Tennessee convention centers, college dorms and vacant hotel rooms to prepare for the worst health crisis in our state's history. The coming weeks will bring enormous strain to our health care system, and a shelter in place would help contain the spread and lessen the loss of life.

Tennessee mayors of all five metropolitan areas have issued mandatory shelter in place orders, but this disease does not know city limits nor county lines. As the governors of Florida, Georgia and even Mississippi have begun to implement mandatory shelter in place orders, it is imperative that Tennessee take decisive action.

A mandatory shelter in place prevents the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 and mitigates deadly hospital overcrowding at a time when hospitals are desperate for the most basic supplies. I implore you to issue a mandatory shelter in place for Tennessee.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

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